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It's another extra large edition this month because we received so many items, including new information about some of the exciting things going on at RAMM (Royal Albert Memorial Museum) over the half term holiday. Special thanks to John Foulkes for his lovely pictures of the Duck Race and the very beautiful but temporally confused rose from his garden that appears opposite.

Items for the March Ide Times should be sent to Brenda Spivey please - email brendaspivey.com by the 20th February.

Ann Boyce



USEFUL NUMBERS

Community Policeman: 101

The Parish Church - Church Office 01392 662280 and leave a message.

Congregational Church: Fiona Field 07736449790 mynameisfiona@hotmail.co.uk

M.P. Mel Stride: 02072 197037 melstride.mp@parliament.uk

Community Shop Opening Hours: (Tel. 410035)

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Saturdays 8am – 1pm
Sundays 9am - 12 noon

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IDE MEMORIAL HALL – to book the hall for your event/party please contact Carol Whitehart on 01392 213608.

The Mobile Library will be in the Huntsman car park, Ide, from 11.45am to 12.30pm on **Monday, 19th February.**

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Exeter Bus Station	8.35	11.15	13.10	16.15	17.55
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Ide Parish Council

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The next Parish Council meeting is on **Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 7.30pm**, in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. If you have an issue you would like the council to discuss, please contact the chairman or another parish councillor. Requests for items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda should be made at least 14 days before the date of the meeting. The first ten minutes of a Parish Council meeting are open to the public to raise possible items for future meetings; or to comment on items on the agenda for that meeting.

Parish Councillor Vacancy. Peter Pattison has, with great regret, decided to resign from the Parish Council. He has been an active and extremely effective councillor, particularly in his work on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. We will miss him greatly. The Parish Clerk has advertised the vacancy, Teignbridge District Council have not received a petition for an election, so the Parish Council will now need to co-opt a new member.

This is an opportunity to represent your local community and improve its quality of life in the parish. It is an unpaid, voluntary position and you would be required to attend six bi-monthly meetings a year. Training will be provided.

If you would like to be considered, please contact Mel Liversage or Nick Bradley in writing or by email by 15th February 2018. And if you would like to talk it over before committing yourself, please give us a ring.

Neighbourhood Plan

At the Parish Council meeting on 17 January 2017, we discussed and approved the "Submission" version of our Neighbourhood Plan. And yes, it has been years – four - in the making! But we are now at the final stage. This version will be presented to an Independent Examiner. If they agree, it will be put to a village referendum early this summer. Its approval will pave the way to protecting the rural character of the Parish; identifying more car parking for residents; securing Weir Meadow and Pynes Orchard for community use; and encouraging sympathetic development at Pynes Farm Yard. Thank you to all those who have worked hard to bring the Plan to this stage; and to those who serve on the related Working Groups.

Latest Planning Applications

17/01941/FUL – land adjacent Fordlands and Pentire – Change of use of land and erection of a new workshop/storage building, display and sale of garden furniture – Ide PC planning committee objected – awaiting decision

16/01723/FUL 2 Crossview Terrace Ide, Single Storey extension to front elevation (appeal)

Appeals allowed

16/03360/MAJ Springwell nursery Old Ide Lane Variation of condition 2 on Planning permission 11/08844/Maj to alter external appearance of building
ongoing

17/02835/FUL- Sculpher Photography, Fore Street – demolition of existing industrial building and erection of a dwelling.

17/02605/LBC 7 The College – regularisation of existing 3rd bedroom rooflight

17/02955/FUL 2A The Green, Ide - annex above garage and single storey rear extension
18/00010/FUL 28 High Street – 2 storey side extension

To view planning applications, go to www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning and search using the address or reference number.

Next meeting of the Planning Committee Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 6pm at The Hub unless otherwise advised

Meetings of the Planning Committee are held in public and you are welcome to attend. There is time allocated at the start of the meetings for public participation.

Temporary Prohibition of through Traffic and Parking notices

Tuesday 30/31 January Old Vicarage Close, Ide - resurfacing - no alternate route

Monday 5/9 February - Road past **Barton Cottage, Shillingford St George** – Pre-Patching for surface dressing works 2018/19 – Alternate route HGV Shillingford Road, Chudleigh Road, A379, Brenton Road, Clapham Local Diversion- Shillingford Road, Markham Lane, Markham Cross, Penhill Cross, Haldon Plain, The Haven, Clapham.

For additional information contact **SKANSKA UK** telephone **0330 105 2663**

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Cemetery administrator: Sarah Tiley 01392 217142 sarah61@btinternet.com

Make a difference - come along and plant trees in Longdown

From January the charity **Moor Trees** will be planting trees in **Longdown**, and volunteers are needed to come along and help plant a native woodland. Dates start at the end of January and continue through February - hot drinks and cakes will be provided.

If you are interested details can be found on Moor Trees website at;

<http://www.moortrees.org/> or please call Jon Brock on 07587 069169

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IDE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE



Thank you all for your support throughout the festive season and our very best wishes to everyone for a very happy, healthy 2018.

We will shortly be saying goodbye to Simon and Abby Cain from Ide, and we want to say a very special thank you to Simon as he has been our accountant right from the beginning of Ide Community Shop. He has been loyal and efficient and we will miss him enormously. Rose and Alan are stepping into his shoes for which we are very grateful (and relieved).

We wish Simon and Abby good luck for the future, don't forget us!

Talking of things financial, there has been so much in the press recently about the loss of banks from the High Street and now talk of losing cash machines. Perhaps this is a good time to remind you that we have our own bank here in Ide, as we have the Post Office.

You can pay cash and cheques in to the Post Office and check your balance if you have an account with most of the major banks. Just look on it as a cash machine with a human face! Obviously if we want to keep this service going we all need to use it as much as we can, once it is gone it won't return.

A timely reminder from our Post Office ladies that the paper £10 note will be withdrawn on 1st March 2018 and although some banks and shops may still accept them after that date it will be at their discretion. The banks will continue to accept them for some time after that.

Already in January we have sold over 25kg of lovely Seville oranges for marmalade making and there is still time in February to start or to make some more. You can order in the shop, our prices are very reasonable and the oranges are great quality, order one day for delivery the next. In fact that is the same for all fruit and veg, if you want us to order anything specific, maybe an avocado or two or an aubergine, just ask for them to be ordered and pick them up the next day. This helps you as you know we will have them and it helps us as nothing goes to waste.

DOING OUR BIT TO SAVE THE OCEANS

At Ide Community Shop we have been doing our bit to cut down on the amount of plastic waste we produce by offering fruit and veg without any unnecessary packaging. We are now doing away with all plastic carrier bags and instead offering paper bags where necessary. Please remember to still bring your bags along with you, the paper ones are surprisingly expensive and the world is now in danger of running out of paper (and we don't want to be cutting down more trees), but at least we will have something for those of you who forget your bags.

Breaking News on saving the oceans - Ide Bag Ladies to the rescue!

Rose wanted to replace the plastic bags in the shop with more environmentally friendly paper bags. However, the cheapest cost 6p and had no handles, so she suggested that we might make our own using left over fabrics. This was generally thought to be a great idea. Janet made a sample and now various volunteers are participating in the **Great Ide Fabric Bag Project** to help save the planet! So far Sue Campbell, Brenda, Jane, Lin Black, Janice, Karen Martin and Susanna have all done their bit and Judi Spiers helped by bringing a load of fabric from a shop in the Harlequin Centre which was closing down. The sessions so far at our place (2 Cobbe House) were great fun with Janet cutting out and organising and me keeping everyone supplied with tea and coffee (I know my place).

We are planning further sessions, so if you would like to come along just let us know. No sewing skills necessary.

So far 25 bags have been made and another 25 cut out ready for sewing.

The plan is to make them available in the shop to replace the paper bags available to those who forget to bring their own bags. David Williams davidfrankwilliams@icloud.com

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more or to volunteer to help!



Albatrosses have just one chick a year and show what can be interpreted as real tenderness towards their chick. In the TV programme Blue Planet 2 David Attenborough said It was heart-breaking to see the huge amount of plastic in chick carcasses

If these magnificent birds are to survive we have to change.

Ide Quizzers exercising grey matter raise over £1000 for charities

Poachers Xmas Quiz



A huge 'thank you' to all who came along and enjoyed (?) the annual festive quiz at the Poachers between Christmas and New Year. We packed the pub with over 90 of Ide's finest quizzical minds and congratulations to 'Elfton John & his Elves' who triumphed in categories ranging from TV Detective themes to Carry On films to the ever popular practical round – who knew that such a cavalcade of animals could be created from balloons? As ever the standard of fancy dress was very special – particular mention to the Wizard of Oz teams and some lovely visions of the fairer sex thanks to Paul & Mark. Thanks to those who donated some amazing prizes for the raffle including those from John & Amy from Radmore & Tucker, Exeter Brewery, Exeter City FC, the Picturehouse, Exeter Racecourse, Grays Farm,

Sharphams Vineyard, Forget-me-Not Beauty as well as individual donations. Special thanks to Rachel Herbert for coordinating the prizes, landlord Tony at the Poachers and his staff for their hospitality and my own little helpers; Clive, Barry & Stuart. Big love and a special mention to Pete for his ongoing support & efforts. Thanks to your generosity we raised £500 and this will be donated to Headway & The Hope Foundation UK.

Colin Chapman

Huntsman Xmas Quiz

Thank you to everyone who helped put together and took part in the Huntsman Xmas quiz.

I would like to thank the generosity of so many people who really dug deep to help us raise an amazing £592 for St Petrocks, the Exeter homeless charity.

And on top of that we were able to donate eight much needed sleeping bags too.

Special mentions to all those who took part, and those who helped put it together - Ceri, Sue, Adrian, and the Huntsman family. And a final and big thanks to Jas Fraser whose musical talents went down a storm and helped create a very special Xmas feel.

St Petrocks were delighted when we went in the week before Christmas.

Nick Irving

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the Ide CC Duck Race 2017

We hope you enjoyed the event. In first place was number 798 (P Hodge), second place number 1270 (N. Churchward) and in third was 275 (N.Lee). The last duck was number 939 (Tony Walker). This was our biggest ever event with more ducks racing than ever before and we've never had such great raffle prizes. We would not only like to thank all who came, but the people and organisations that have contributed: in no particular order: Alan Collyer and the team at Exeter Brewery, Ide Community Shop & Post Office, Brian and team at The Huntsman Inn, Tony Stearman at the Poachers Inn, John and team at Radmore and Tucker Ltd and your suppliers who donated prizes. Particular thanks to Tony Walker for sourcing the signed Jack Nowell shirt and Des and Jenny Walker (no relation!) for placing the winning bid.



JUBILEE CLUB



December 11th was party time for the club, we had Chris Passingham entertaining us on the piano, just to set the Christmas mood. Then it was time for some of our band of helpers to get into entertaining mode. Christina our very own script writer had been penning a tale of that old favourite, Sleeping Beauty. To encourage audience participation

the members were put to the task of decorating fairy cakes for the Christening party. Well, in time honoured fashion, along came the wicked fairy, Tony, and to the horror of the Queen, Marge, and King, Christina, she put a spell on Beauty, Christine, who fell into a deep sleep. However, never fear, the good fairy, Jean, was at hand, and along came a dashing Prince, Diane, riding his fine charger, riding hat firmly on his(?) head before changing it for a crown. The kiss was duly planted on Beauty's fair lips, to waken her and the bad fairy banished. What fun!! Our thanks to the Longdown pantomime wardrobe for our lovely costumes. After all that excitement, time for a welcome and delicious tea. Joyce Hann cut the cake and Christina proposed a toast to the club. Our thanks for the donation of the cake and sherry.

Sadly I have learnt of the death of Mavis Wood. I have also been told of the death of Myra Jones who was a member of the club a while back.

We gathered again on January 8th for Bingo. Tony was the caller doing his best to please everyone? A bouquet was given to Jill for a special birthday.

A group of club members visited Dunsford Pantomime on January 20th. Thank you to the people who helped with the transport. Jean Hoskin

DATES:

February 5th	Alison Crooks Exercise Music for Health
February	Tony Lethbridge will give a talk
March 5th	Chris Woodward Talking about the Jurrassic Coast.

The HUB@Ide Congregational Church

Dates for February

Thurs 1st Feb	Coffee Morning	10:30am	////////////////////	
Sun 4th Feb	Traditional service – Mr M Trigg (Communion)	11am	All-Age service	5pm
Sun 11th Feb	Traditional Service – Mr B Bunce	11am	Traditional Service – Mr D Edmond	5pm
Wed 14th Feb	KFP (Kids club) – Valentines day theme	11am-2pm	////////////////////	
Fri 16th Feb	////////////////////		Download	6:30-8:30pm
Sat 17th Feb	////////////////////		Film: Hidden Figures	2:30pm
Sun 18th Feb	Traditional Service – Mr L Mason	11am	All-Age service	5pm
Thurs 22nd Feb	////////////////////		Coffee, chat and challenge	7pm
Sun 25th Feb	Traditional Service – Mr D Bulley	11am	Traditional Service – Mr P Willer	5pm

By the time you read this the interior of the church will have been decorated and it looks AMAZING!

Thank you to Adrian Butland for his painting skills and to everyone who helped clear, clean, tidy, move and return everything to its place after. A new blind has been fitted to the door to the 'Little Room' and as storage space is at a premium, an outside storage box has been placed next to the water butt in the garden to keep the newspapers ready for recycling by the scout group.

KFP, our 'Kids, Fun and Pizza' get together will be on Wed 14th Feb. We'll have a Valentines theme, although we won't be talking about romantic love. *Please could the kids bring something with them that they love: a cuddly toy, a food, a picture of someone or something etc.*

If you are of the older and wiser generation (or not, but like the film), don't forget that you are welcome to join others at the **Film afternoon on Sat 17th**. It's a great reason to get out of the house, chat to others and enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit(s) in good company.

I really look forward to our **All-Age services** each month. It is such a lovely time together with awesome people in the presence of God. It's not at all like a traditional service, rather very relaxed and informal. We still pray, sing and learn, but in a different way. I guess it's a bit like '**Ide Rocks**', for those who came to it. We really do have people of all ages, so it's not a 'children's' service. In fact, it's great to have people of all levels of faith and maturity involved in what happens. We have food available for those who want a light bite to eat, and it also keeps the children happy. God called us to be a family, and that is what we are – growing and living together. You are welcome to pop in any time.

I had a lovely meeting with Mike Partridge, the new vicar of St.Ida's, this week. We are prayerfully planning ways we can work together more for God's Kingdom. What an exciting year lies ahead of us...

Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

SAINT IDA'S CHURCH



4th February	2 before Lent	9.30am	Holy Communion
10th February	MESSY CHURCH	10.30am	
11th February	Sunday before Lent	9.30am	Morning Praise
14th February	Ash Wednesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion
at Shillingford St George Church			
18th February	Lent 1	9.30am	Holy Communion
25th February	Lent 2	8am	Holy Communion
		10am	All Age Service

Baptisms (Christenings), Weddings & Banns of Marriage - If you wish to make any enquiries about these please ring 07562 144439. This line is open from 1pm-4pm on Mondays and on Thursdays from 10am-1pm. For any other matters please call the church office on 01392 662280 and leave a message.

Messy Church - The next Messy Church will be on Saturday, 10th February, at 10.30am in Church. We will finish with a light lunch at 12.30am. At our January Messy Church we heard about the wise men following the star and finding Jesus in Bethlehem - probably no longer in the stable. We made rocky road and a gingerbread house that Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus might have moved into and did a bit of acting. We enjoyed eating pizzas and the rocky road.

The Christingle Service was once again very well attended with the Church full to capacity. Our thanks go to all who helped in many ways - all the readers (adults and children), all who came dressed as shepherds, angels, animals, etc. and those who made up the Christingle oranges. It was a memorable start to Christmas and gave us plenty to think about and to thank God for.

How to pray - Mike Partridge will be giving us instruction on how to pray and to lead prayers on Saturday, 4th February, 10.30am at Alphington Church. All welcome.

Joyce Dudley - We are sorry to announce the death of Joyce Dudley. Joyce and her husband Les lived in St Ida's Close for a number of years but in recent time Joyce moved to a retirement home. She was an active member of the Church and W.I. We send our condolences to the family. Brenda Spivey

MOTHERS UNION

By the time you read this we will be well into the new year. We enjoyed sharing an Epiphany service with other members from Kenn, Teignmouth and Dawlish, and will have had a shared lunch at Brenda's home.

No definite plan for our monthly meeting in Feb. but we will get together, either on Wed. 21st, or Wed 28th, 2.30pm here at my home. Sue Campbell

Success and Failure...

“I have not failed. I have just found 10,000 ways that don’t work.” The words belong to Thomas Edison, famous American inventor, after eventually creating an incandescent light bulb that really did work.

There are plenty more examples which teach us the importance of not giving up. Failure and disappointment are painful emotions. Some of us take them so deeply to heart that we cease to be risk-takers. We do give up. But unless we take risks, we achieve little. Robert F Kennedy said this: “Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.”

The thing that prevents us from taking risks is, of course, fear. And in many situations, fear is immensely useful. It keeps us safe from real danger. It protects us from unknown hazards. No-one should take foolhardy risks, but failure should be our teacher not our undertaker. So life is a continual balance between caution and risk taking, success and failure.

The first time I ever took a secondary school assembly, I had a great disaster. Standing in front of several hundred teenagers, deeply nervous about this new experience, I managed to slip and fall off the school stage. The school kids loved it. And I was deeply embarrassed and just a little bruised.

But the amazing thing is that this disaster (or so I thought, from my point of view) turned out to be the best thing that could have happened. For some reason it created a bond between me and the students. Walking down the street they’d say hello to me because they recognised me as the vicar who fell off the stage. Despite my embarrassment and fear, it was, in fact, something which worked to my advantage! I have an inkling that God was at work there. He took the situation and made sure that something really good came out of it. I never tried the trick again. Giving God one chance to do something special is OK... doing it more than once would be taking liberties with his goodness.

Every community, and especially our Church, should be a place where there is so much support, affirmation and love, that no-one fears what other people will think. Creativity flourishes where strong boundaries keep us safe, and warm fellowship keeps us secure. They should also be places where the weak and vulnerable, those who have suffered at the hands of others, are given confidence to flourish and prosper again without fear.



Mike Partridge
Rector

Memorial Hall - update

Wow - those of you who may have seen the improvements to the village hall will hopefully have been impressed. The kitchen and toilet areas have been damp-proofed and completely replaced and are looking (and smelling) wonderful. This is just the first phase of the refurbishment and the small band of volunteers involved in this project were hoping for a bit of a rest before the next phase. However, we have been offered a £25,000 grant by Devon Contract Waste and Grantscape which will enable us to make a start on the main hall but as a condition of the grant, this work has to be completed by the end of March - no pressure there then!

Did you know that Ide Memorial Hall is owned by each and every one of us?

The building and freehold were gifted to the village in 1950 by the Church Commissioners. The Hall is run by a Management Committee which is made up of a representative from most of the village groups. We all get a say at our meetings where everyone is invited to take part and listened to before a vote is taken.

We feel that it would be fitting to have the rest of the work on the main part of the Hall finished by 11th November 2018, which will be the centenary of the end of WW1. It would be a shame to leave the work we have started half-finished, so we want to have a real push to get finances in place and finish the job so that we have a hall that is a fitting tribute to the lost lives but also fit for purpose for decades to come. To do this we will continue to apply for grants, but we would also welcome contributions from groups or individuals in Ide who would like to make donations so that we can do the 'nice' finishing touches like new tables, chairs, curtains and kitchen equipment. Many thanks to the groups who have already contributed, apart from raising vital cash it is also important to be able to prove to the grant providers that we have the support of those who use the Hall.

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TODDLERS - meets every Tuesday in term time from 9.30 -11am in Ide School Hall. Parents/carers and toddlers or babes in arms are welcome. The adults have a chance to chat together over tea and coffee while the children play.

Hello Everyone

Does anyone have 2 or 3 acres of land for a potential small holding/horticultural business? Anything considered, please contact Mike on 07895 731642 on 01392 832510 or come and have a cup of coffee with us at Idestone Cottage, Dunchideock. The kettle is usually on

What connects Balls Farm Road, Little John's Cross Hill and the Poachers?

Way back in 2013 there was already a problem with traffic using Balls Farm Road and Little John's Cross Hill illegally. This had involved police and council action over the years before. That was when we started doing traffic surveys in the mornings. In the latest survey in December 2017 we found 166 Vehicles per hour on Little John's Cross Hill and 117 on Balls Farm Road. This is around double the rates recorded in 2013.

We are now seeing main road levels of traffic on these lanes.

Highways records already show one serious accident on Balls Farm Road in the last 5 years, and they don't record incidents if they don't result in injury. People who walk and cycle are being put off using these routes and are driving instead. The village could be cut off and only accessible by car if we lose these walking and cycling routes.

The traffic restrictions do not stop anyone driving to access the Twisted Oak Pub for the Ide School Walking Bus, or for the pub's many excellent services, as long as you don't enter from Doctors Walk between 7:30 and 9:30 am.

If you are interested in walking and cycling routes around around the village, or you are missing the social contact of Ide Wheelers, Or, if you just fancy meeting up in the pub, **why not join us in the Poachers on 7th February about 7:30 pm.**

If you can't make it but you are interested drop us a line to bfr@stygian.org.uk.

For more information see

<http://idevillage.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/180113BfrReport.docx>



IDE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Happy New Year one and all,



Ide Twinning had an AGM, which was bright and breezy, and chair Lin Black gave her report for the year 2017: a successful visit from our French friends, a range of community activities throughout the year within Ide, and a few hundred pounds raised for charities. Lin also thanked those unofficial 'Friends of Ide Twinning' who lent a hand with things, in particular Tony at The Poachers, but most especially to Jack Frost and his team of helpers who make the Ide Firework Display feel very much less stressy and scary than it used to be for us.

Election of officers took place, with continuation of roles from last year – Lin Black chairperson, Dee Howe vice-chair, Dave Williams treasurer, and Karen Blundell secretary. Committee members for 2018 to be all the officers detailed above plus Lynn Hucker, Maggie Parkes, Christine Hookins, Harriet Smith, Chris Coles, Alison Taborn, Pete Bishop

Don't forget – **Twinning Trip to France this year, 1st to 4th June**, approx. cost of £100 / £120 pounds per person, lodging and meals all provided by our French friends, and you won't need much spending money. It'll be good fun, and anyone in the

village/having links with the village is most welcome to join us, no knowledge of parleying française at all necessary.

We also have planned a 'Curry Night' to be held mid/late March – more details in next month's Ide Times.

Reminder that there will be quizzes at The Poachers on the following Sunday eve dates:

February 11th

March 4th

April 1st (Easter Quiz)

April 22nd

Thanks to all those who came along to our December quiz, where we raised over £200 pounds for St Petrock's, your support was especially appreciated

I couldn't be a school governor, I've had no experience of education or of schools since I went to one!

Not true!

The most effective governing bodies are diverse, consisting of people with very different skills and experiences.

What's essentially needed on a governing body are people who believe that working to ensure that every child gets the best possible education is one of the most important things we can do. Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and are now have an important role to play in school improvement. It might have been true once that there was little more to the role than turning up for meetings. This certainly isn't the case nowadays!

The Ide School Governing body would like to appoint another community governor, ideally someone who works part time or is retired, as we need someone who has the time to visit the school during the working day.

If you would like to know more about the role of governors and the time commitment involved, please go the school website: ide.devon.sch.co.uk and click on governors in questions. Alternatively, you can contact me and I will try to answer any questions you might have.

Ann Boyce

Chair of Ide Board of Governors

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Surprisingly, Ide Aloud will be 10 years old this April!

Having started with 4 people in my front room (2 of them my daughter and myself!), the choir has grown to nearly 40 people.

My daughter and I started the group as we missed singing in the Exeter College Inspirational choir, which really did prove inspirational to us, but as it changed its timing, and when we could not attend because of work, we felt bereft.

Once we had grown to over 15 singers, my front room could hold no more and so we went to sing in St. Ida's Church. Now we sing in the Congregational Chapel and sometimes in the Memorial Hall.

After our very successful November concerts 'A Night at the Captain's Table', and nearly 90 people attending over the two nights, we are planning our Birthday Bash for May this year to take account of more renovations to the Memorial Hall. A proportion of the money raised will go towards phase 3 of the Hall and a proportion to other charities.

So put **May 11th and 12th** in your diary and we hope to see you for our 10 year anniversary celebrations.

We are a Community Choir so anyone can join us and feel the benefits that come with singing and being part of our friendly crew.

All enquiries to mjrotoff@hotmail.com or 01392 276243

Jane

Ancient Houses in Exeter



One day only:
Tue 13 Feb
6.30 to 8pm
Ticket: £9
Gallery 20

Exeter people often talk of the sad losses of ancient buildings in the city; in fact, far more is left than is apparent upon casual inspection. This lecture by John Allan will give an account of the architectural history of housing in the city from the late Norman period up to the reign of Queen Anne, emphasising new discoveries and pointing out features to look for when examining townhouses.

Dartmoor Legends Animated

One day only: Fri 16 Feb,
10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30 to 3.30pm,
£8 (PARENT / CARER FREE)



Bring the well-known legends of Dartmoor to life in animation. Learn the stories of Bowerman's Nose, Fitz's Well and Branscombe's Loaf and Cheese, and make the characters and scenery for them. Help to animate each film using startstop photography. Your finished pieces will be published on YouTube.

One of a series of lively family activities linked to Dartmoor: A Wild and Wondrous Region, a partnership exhibition with Dartmoor National Park Authority, sponsored by Dartmoor Preservation Association, Tozers Solicitors and Hawksmoor Investment Management.

The Magic of Victorian Photography



One day only:
Thu 15 Feb,
10am to 12.30pm and 1.30 to 4pm,
£5 (PARENT / CARER FREE)

Climb inside a reproduction of a Victorian camera. Sam White of Lightplay will demonstrate the workings of the camera obscura. See our wonderful collection of 19th-century magic lantern slides. Make and project your very own slide. Use a stereoscope viewer to marvel at early 3D photographs. Draw a member of your family in silhouette, and create your own moving images with our praxinoscopes. Space inside the camera is limited, so please select a timed slot when booking. Tickets give you access to the camera obscura experience at the time specified, as well as the other activities throughout the day.

This is just a tiny sample of the events and exhibitions on at RAMM during February.
There is something for everyone.

Many events are very popular and you will need to book quickly.

Visit the RAMM website to find out more details and to book

www.rammuseum.org.uk/

THE MIKADO

31 Jan- 3 Feb

Exeter University's Gilbert & Sullivan Society

A familiar feast of fun and frolics!

BEYOND MY CONTROL

4 Feb

A University of Exeter/ENT IMPACT Production

Fascinating production where science meets theatre in this interactive performance about epilepsy, excitability and all things neurological – a must for those living with and those caring for those living life with these experiences.

NINA – A STORY ABOUT ME AND NINA SIMONE

5-6 Feb

Olivier nominated (The Lion King) Josette Bushell-Mingo's spine-tingling show about this phenomenal artist's extraordinary life and music. "A Searing Tribute' The Guardian.

WATCH THIS SPACE

Dance in Devon

7 Feb

ANDY KIRKPATRICK'S PSYCHOVERTICAL: A HIGHER EDUCATION

8 Feb

This leading climber's experiences from mountains around the world will have you on the edge of your seat.

ABBA FOREVER

9 Feb

Leading UK's International Tribute Show – music, dance, sing-along... you know and love them all!!

ICCA UK SOUTHWEST QUARTER-FINAL

10 Feb

The finest a cappella university teams from the SW compete for a place in the finals – pitch perfect entertainment!

THE BOY WHO CLIMBED INTO THE MOON

14-17 Feb

Theatre Alibi's wonderful new show, adapted from the children's book by David Almond
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SOLDIER ON

22-23 Feb

by Jonathan Lewis

The Soldiers' Arts Academy & Playground Theatre present the world premiere of this heart-warming story about life in the Forces and what happens when you leave the Military 'family'.

LOOKING AHEAD

From the BRISTOL OLD VIC and KNEEHIGH THEATRE –
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10-14 April

Emma Rice's thought-provoking show about Marc and Bella Chagall entrances and delights. 'A glorious gem.' The Stage. 'Gloriously romantic.' The Times.

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Dunchideock Film Night.

Many of you will know that Dunchideock Village Hall is out of action until the ceiling has been repaired, and so, once again, we will be showing this month's film at **Dunchideock House.**

Friday 23rd February at 7:45 PM

Dunkirk

"A remarkable film – a new classic" "tight, gripping, unforgettable – – a triumph in filmmaking." So wrote the critics worldwide about "Dunkirk". "Heart hammering and heroically British, this is director, **Christopher Nolan**, at the peak of his powers." said the Daily Telegraph giving it five stars. It has a high 92% Rotten Tomatoes rating, it had nominations for three awards at the Golden Globes and now has eight nominations at this year's BAFTAs. . One of the most talked about films of the year, it takes as given that you know the plot but then makes you experience it, live it. It does this with great power and we were both very affected by it.



Peter Goodchild

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Prosecco and Pamper Evening

Friday March 2nd

Tickets from the Village Shop & Ide School



" FLUTE CAKE " at Shillingford Church

On Friday March 16th at 7pm, we have the next of our occasional concerts at St George, Shillingford. The celebrated flute trio "Flute Cake" will be entertaining us with their musical talents. We do hope you can come and share with us - entry is only £5 (which includes interval refreshments).

Ken Law

WEST TOWN FARM NEWS

Happy New Year to everyone in the village. Didn't January bring a lot of rain with it? We've had to close a few of our fields to dog walkers otherwise the grass won't repair in time for the cows big release back outside in Spring.

January on the farm could be a time of rest, but not for us! Instead, we have been hard at work preparing for two annual inspections. We passed our organic inspection carried out by the Soil Association. It's a nerve racking time.

Next was our annual TB test. This could have such a devastating effect on the farm if one test came back positive. We pride ourselves on the treatment of our animals, the land and the wildlife. Thankfully, once again, we passed...though I don't think Andy slept for the three days in between test and results!

Andy went off to the Oxford Real Farming conference at the start of the month. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with other farmers, hear from experts in the field and participate in discussions and workshops.

We were very lucky to host an evening with the talented poet/singer Dizraeli at an intimate candlelit gig in our classroom. He was discussing mental health issues, especially amongst men. People came from far and wide to watch him. A magical evening.

On the 25th February Nigel Hewitt will be leading a bird walk/talk around the farm. Last year's walk was brilliant and very informative. We will be selling tea/coffee and cakes in the yard afterwards. We will set off on the walk at 9am so please arrive before this. Meet in the yard. Wellies a must!

Grace, Andy, Jenny, Kate and Helen

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